

REMARKS

Claims 18-23 and 51-61 are now pending in the above-referenced patent application. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of these claims on the merits.

Applicants have filed this application in response to a restriction requirement in the parent case, U.S. Ser. No. 09/630,328 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,716,948. Accordingly, applicants have canceled original claims 1-17 and 24-50 solely for the purpose of prosecuting original claims 18-23 and new claims 51-61 in this continuation application. As such, no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000), and Applicants are therefore entitled to the full range of equivalents with respect to each of the presently-pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FIGURES

Applicants submit herewith corrected formal drawings amending the labeling of Figures 2B and 2C and adding Figure 9. Included are a new set of drawings, since the pagination (i.e., 1/14, etc.) has been changed due to the addition of figure 9.

The labeling of original Figures 2B and 2C have been corrected as is indicated by red ink on the copy of the drawings supplied. Support for these amendments can be found in the parent application, provisional application 60/146,936, which was incorporated into the present application by reference on page 1, line 9 of the present application as filed.

Figure 9 is added herewith. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Figure 9 was filed originally in the parent application, provisional application 60/146,936, which was incorporated into the present application by reference on page 1, line 9 of the present application as filed.

Applicants respectfully request these corrections be entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on the date even herewith listing references cited in the parent case. Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

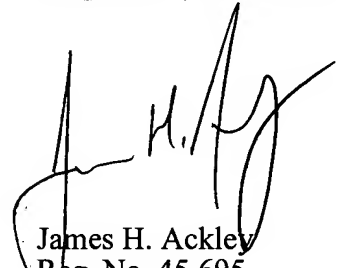
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Applicants are paying the filing fees based on the as-amended claims pursuant to the transmittal documents submitted herewith. If necessary, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this application, throughout the pendency thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,

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